



Lake Park Villager



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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

January 13 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

January 22 – 7:00 PM Economic Development Commission at Lucas Landscaping

January 26 – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

NOTE: The Village offices will be closed December 24, 25 and January 1.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

JANUARY 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

JANUARY 7, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH ROAD

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JANUARY 8, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

JANUARY 9, 2009, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITIES BLDG.

COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE

JANUARY 10, 11:00 AM, FAITH UMC (SEE ARTICLE IN NEWSLETTER)

FREE TAX TIPS AND NEWS WORKSHOP

JANUARY 12, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

- * **Christmas Day** – No Pickup
- * **Friday, December 26** – trash and recycling will be picked up
- * **New Years Day** – Trash and recycling will be picked up
 - * No yard waste or bulk items will be picked up on the week of December 29
- * **January 22, 2009** – Free live Christmas Tree pickup
 - * Remove ALL decorations. Landfill only accepts bare live trees.

Council Considers Building

Expansion to the Community Center

Lake Park has been well-served by the current Community Center. However, it has become apparent to the Council and many other residents, that the Village would benefit by expanding the building to provide more office space along with larger meeting areas more commensurate with a community the size of Lake Park.

Last month, the Village Council awarded a contract to Roger Layman Architecture for a conceptual design study for an expanded community center. During the December Council Meeting, Mr. Layman presented drawings for the village's consideration. These drawings will be posted in the Community Center for the public to review. The Council would welcome comments from residents during the January meeting. The Council will continue with this initial planning phase to answer feasibility questions prior to the budget workshop in 2009.

Reaching Out To Neighbors

Lake Park resident, Reid Keiger, shared with the Council a desire to demonstrate the Village's support for the unemployed in Lake Park through two events:

Saturday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. – A community prayer service will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church. If you know of someone who lives in Lake Park who has lost their job, obtain their permission to allow their first name(s) only to be shared in this prayer service. Call Mr. Keiger either at 704-882-4825(H) or 704-307-6047(Cell) with those names. Several Pastors of churches in and near Lake Park will participate in the prayer service. There will be music, a time of sharing, but the main focus will be on praying for our friends and neighbors that are out of work.

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For Your Information

Do you know a resident in the military?

The Village Council wishes to begin a program that will honor those serving our country in both domestic and overseas assignments. If you know any resident (son or daughter? Neighbor?) who is in any of the armed forces, please provide their name and their current assignment mailing address, date of birth, and entry date to Sandy Coughlin by calling 704-882-9692 or via email at sandy.coughlin@lakeparknc.gov. The program will begin with mailing Christmas cards as soon as you respond, but we expect to develop later recognition or mailings in the future. Please let us know who is away from home and serving our country.

Stuff your turkey, not your drain

Keep a jar handy during holiday cooking to collect kitchen grease and oils instead of dumping them down the sink. Just fill it up, tighten the lid and toss it in the trash. Grease and oils dumped down drains will eventually solidify and clog pipes. These clogs will cause sewer lines to back up and lead to overflows and other sewer spills that will threaten the environment.

A Workshop for the Unemployed – This will be later in January or early February. Counselors, employment agencies and other leaders will be present to share helpful information and counsel for our neighbors who are looking for work. Mr. Keiger is already working on enlisting program and workshop leadership for this event which will probably also be on a Saturday.

Did you know?

The Lake Park Parking Ordinance prohibits cars and other vehicles from being parked on a sidewalk. One reason this stipulation is included is that physically-challenged residents need unobstructed access to sidewalks to be able to enjoy the sidewalks like everyone else.

EDC News

Children's Lighthouse Learning Center

Some residents have been asking about the building being constructed on the corner of Faith Church and Indian Trail Unionville Rd. The building will be the home for the Children's Lighthouse Learning Center, scheduled to open in February 2009. The owner, Iyore Ojomo, is developing plans for a Grand Opening event to which Lake Park residents of all ages will be welcome to visit and tour the new facility. The Center will offer preschool care from 6 weeks of age and A Beka program classrooms for children up to age 12. Internet monitoring is available and security access is assured. Ms. Ojomo also owns the Children's Lighthouse Learning Center in Matthews NC, the only other NC facility in this Texas-based private school franchise.

Professional Workshop Coming in March

The EDC is planning an evening workshop for all leaders in the Lake Park professional community (businesses, schools and churches) for March 2009. This will be the seventh workshop sponsored by the EDC since it was established in 2006.

Free Tax Information Workshop – January 12

By popular demand, the EDC is presenting a tax information workshop at the Community Center at 7:00 PM on January 12. Our own local accountant, Angela Williams, C.P.A. will again present tax news and tips for both individuals and businesses.

Reminder from Deputies

During the holidays crime tends to increase as people purchase gifts and set them out in their houses. The deputies would like to remind everyone to keep a watch for anything suspicious within the village. This is especially true if your neighbors are traveling and are away from their home for an extended period of time. If you see anything suspicious, please call 911 or if it is not an emergency, you can call the new non-emergency number at (704) 289-1591.